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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

GROUP ART UNIT 1617

IF OF

Docket No. 44657-AAA-PCT-US/JPW/GJG/BJA

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Joseph R. Berger

Serial No.: 10/052,961 Group Art Unit: 1617

Filed : January 18, 2002 Examiner: S. Wang

Title : A METHOD FOR AMELIORATING MUSCLE WEAKNESS/WASTING

IN A PATIENT INFECTED WITH HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY

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Sir:

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER'S DECISION TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner mailed September 3, 2008 finally rejecting pending claims 88-105 in the above-identified application.

Applicant is concurrently filing a Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time. Accordingly, this Notice of Appeal is being timely filed.

The required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) for filing a Notice of Appeal for a small entity is TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY DOLLARS (\$270.00), and a check in this amount is enclosed.

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If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee, other than the enclosed \$270.00 fee, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Notice of Appeal. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

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